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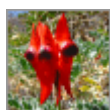
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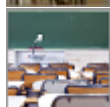
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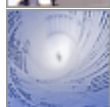
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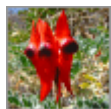
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South Australian Statistical News and Releases



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL NEWS AND RELEASES

ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4)

SA Stats provides an overview of the state's population and economy. This publication is updated on a monthly basis, with most releases also containing a feature article on socio-economic and environmental issues of interest.

SA Stats, August 2010

This month's SA Stats includes a feature article that looks at meat production in South Australia. Australia is among the world's largest producers of red meat and is the second largest exporter of both beef and sheep meat behind Brazil and New Zealand respectively. (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) 2009a; 2009b). Whilst South Australia is not one of the big players on the national or international stage, meat production makes an important contribution to the state economy.

SA Stats, July 2010

Children's use of the internet and mobile phones in South Australia was explored in July's feature article. Household uptake of such technologies may impact on the ability of children to learn the necessary skills to operate effectively in today's technology rich world and ultimately affect whether they can reach their future potential.

Household access to computers and the internet in South Australia has steadily increased over the last decade. However, South Australia still has one of the lowest proportions of household broadband access of all states and territories. In the 12 months to April 2009, 71% of South Australian children had access to the internet at school, and 69% had access to the internet at home.

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SA Stats, June 2010

June's feature article focused on the Vocational Education Training (VET) sector in South Australia. International students are significant contributors to the South Australian economy. Historically, growth in international student enrolments in South Australia has been driven by students choosing to study at one of the state's Higher Education institutions, however, in recent years growth in international student enrolments in the VET sector has exceeded that of all other educational sectors.

Migration, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 3412.0)

Net overseas migration was the major component of population growth in South Australia at 88% of total net growth (17,300 persons), as reported in Migration, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 3412.0).

All three components of population change: natural increase, net overseas migration and Net interstate migration, contribute in varying degrees to the growth of the population of each state and territory.

Key findings include:

- South Australia grew by approximately 19,600 people in 2008-09. The growth rate was 1.2%, the second lowest of all states and territories, after Tasmania.
- Net interstate migration was a major source of population loss for South Australia, at 4,700 people. Net interstate migration was also a population loss for New South Wales (19,800 people) and Australian Capital Territory (4,800 people).

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NON ABS RELEASES

South Australians want to work less to juggle work and life

Juggling Work-Life Balance in South Australia: The Australian Work and Life Index 2010

Written by: Natalie Skinner & Sandra Pisaniello, Centre for Work + Life, University of South Australia

One third of SA employees would like to reduce their working hours by at least half a day a week in a bid to better juggle their work-life balance, a survey of SA workers by the University of South Australia's Centre for Work + Life has found.

This report establishes a 2010 benchmark for work life outcomes in South Australia by means of the Australian Work and Life Index (AWALI). It analyses these work-life outcomes by various sub-groups, compares them with Australia as a whole and contrasts them with the earlier period of 2008/09.

While there are not significant differences in the overall AWALI work-life score in SA compared to nationally, there are some significant differences on some items and some sub-groups.

For example:

- Work interferes with community connections in SA less frequently than nationally. These differences may reflect the advantages of living in a smaller city or the smaller proportion of occupations which have worse work-life balance in SA than nationally, such as managers and professionals.
- South Australian mothers who work full time report a better fit between their preferred and actual hours than nationally.
- Self-employed fathers in South Australia work 44.3 hours compared to 49.3 nationally. They also have less work-life interference than nationally.

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Feature Releases



FEATURE RELEASES

Recent ABS Publications

The countdown has begun - one year to go until the Census

Media release - 9 August 2010

With exactly one year to go until the ABS' Census of Population and Housing on 9 August 2011, planning is well underway for the largest peace time logistical exercise in Australia.

The Census aims to accurately measure the number of people in Australia on Census night wherever they are, from Australia's research hubs in Antarctica to remote Indigenous communities in northern Australia.

Next year's Census remains the most comprehensive way of providing a snapshot of Australia, our key characteristics and where we live.

The Census helps define who we are and what your community looks like now and into the future. Census data supports planning, decision-making and funding at all levels of government, and is behind the services and facilities you use in your community every day.

The first results from the 2011 Census will be made public in June 2012.

Pizza, pasta and pop music: A snapshot of Australian Students

Media release - 27 July 2010

Pizza and pasta are the favourite take-away choice for Australian students who completed the ABS CensusAtSchool for 2010.

Over 22,000 students from Years four to 12 voluntarily submitted their data this year, with the aim to spark students' interest in statistics and to improve their statistical literacy. Results are designed for education purposes only.

Interesting results from the 2010 CensusAtSchool data include:

- Students in years 5 - 12 spend more hours per week hanging out with friends than using the computer/Internet
- 40% of girls listen to pop as their favourite music whilst rap is the most popular choice for boys with 21%

Students and teachers can access the data from the online Random Sampler to make comparisons between students like themselves and students in different year levels and parts of Australia.

The CensusAtSchool project is a free online questionnaire and analysis resource for

students in Years four to 12 at all Australian schools.

The questionnaire phase is available annually during Terms 1 and 2 and the data is released early in Term 3 of each year.

For further information on the CensusAtSchool project including data for 2010, please visit the ABS website at www.abs.gov.au/censusatschool.

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Other Information

The Principles of Statistical Integration

The Commonwealth Government is seeking to meet demand for high quality data through the integration of information from several administrative and statistical sources. Greater statistical data integration will enable significant cost reductions in evidence-based advice and the development of a new range of official statistics.

Recognising that many challenges do not fit neatly within individual portfolios and the importance of establishing a common framework for statistical integration, Commonwealth Portfolio Secretaries established the Cross Portfolio Statistical Integration Committee (CPSIC) in April 2009, jointly chaired by the ABS and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

The first stage of the Committee's work involved the development of seven high level principles for statistical data integration across the Australian Government. These principles provide a framework for data integration for statistical and research purposes, while recognising information as a strategic resource and the accountability of data custodians.

The next stage of work is currently underway with consideration of appropriate institutional and governance arrangements in line with these principles. Consultation with a range of stakeholders is ongoing and a communications plan is also being prepared. For more information, please contact the CPSIC Secretariat, (02) 6252 7198.

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Summary of Recent ABS Releases



SUMMARY OF RECENT ABS RELEASES

Economic, Environmental and Social releases

The ABS releases a large volume of publications and only a select few are highlighted here. To see all publications released in the last three months click on the following links.

[August 2010 releases](#)

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Economic Releases

Australian National Accounts: Tourism Satellite Account, 2008-09 (cat. no. 5249.0)

Released 4 June 2010

This publication presents estimates of the direct contribution of the tourism industry to the Australian economy within the context of a satellite account linked to the Australian System of National Accounts, for the years 1997-98 to 2008-09. The publication shows the contribution of tourism to major economic aggregates, such as GDP, as well as details by type of visitor, what products were purchased by tourists, and which industries supplied those products. In addition, data on employment in tourism industries and visitor numbers is presented.

Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 7503.0)

Released 18 June 2010

This publication contains final estimates of gross and local values of production of major agricultural commodities for all states, territories and Australian for the year ended 30 June 2009. Data is also available for Statistical Divisions and Natural Resource Management regions.

Environmental Releases

Energy, Water and Environment Management, 2008-09 (cat. no. 4660.0)

Released 30 July 2010

This publication presents estimates of energy expenditure and usage, environmental and water management practices and eco-innovation by Australian businesses during the 2008-09 financial year. The data has been collected in response to the continued challenges of climate change, drought and management of Australia's resources.

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Social Releases

Household and Family Projections, Australia, 2006 to 2031 (cat. no. 3236.0)

Released 8 June 2010

This publication contains projections of the number of households, families and their living arrangements for Australia, the states, territories, capital cities, and balance of states for the period 30 June 2007 to 2031. Three main series of projections are presented based on various assumptions about the changing living arrangements of Australia's population.

Health Services: Patient Experiences in Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 4839.0.55.001)

Released 30 July 2010

This publication provides national data on access and barriers to a range of health care services including general practitioners, medical specialists and other health professionals. It also includes data on patient experiences of care and information provision from both those that did not access health services and those that did, enabling analysis of health

service information in relation to particular population groups.

Mental Health of Young People, 2007 (cat. no. 4840.0.55.001)

Released 19 July 2010

Provides a brief overview of the mental health of young people aged 16-24 years, primarily using data from the 2007 ABS National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing. The publication includes information about young people who had a mental disorder in the 12 months prior to interview, including the types of mental disorder, the severity of the disorder, the demographic characteristics of young people with a mental disorder and their use of mental health services.

Community Services, 2008-09 (cat. no. 8696.0)

Released 24 June 2010

This publication contains summary data on expenditure on community service activity by government and private sector organisations during the 2008-09 financial year. Data are presented by type of community service activity, state and territory, and profit status. The publication also contains data on income, expenditure, employment and volunteers in a number of community service sectors such as aged care residential services and child care services.

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Upcoming ABS Statistical Training in South Australia



UPCOMING ABS STATISTICAL TRAINING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Training Calendar (JUNE - NOVEMBER 2010)

To assist in developing statistical expertise, the ABS can provide training courses for you and your staff. Our training programs are conducted by staff with expertise in designing questionnaires, analysing data and managing the survey process. Courses can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your organisation, for example using South Australia-specific information, with the aim of upskilling people in the access, use, interpretation and collection of statistical information.

The ABS also provides regular seminars and information sessions which may focus on statistical developments, publications, trends or issues. The following training is currently scheduled to be held in the Adelaide office in the second half of 2010.

Using ABS Datacubes in SuperTABLE

Date: 22 September

Duration: 1/2 day

Description: The ABS web site has large datasets that can be downloaded for free. This

course will teach participants how to access these datasets in SuperTABLE format to create tables that meet their organisation's information needs. Through a combination of theoretical instruction and computer-based exercises, participants will learn how to use the free SuperTABLE software.

Who should attend: People who have little or no experience in the use of SuperTABLE. Participants should have attended an ABS Web Site seminar or be confident ABS web site users.

Cost: \$300 (inc. GST)

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Turning Data Into Information

Date: 19 - 20 October

Duration: 2 days

Description: This course aims to equip the attendee with a range of statistical tools and techniques for understanding and analysing data in the context of a research objective. At a very broad level, the course aims to enhance the attendee's ability to:

- understand the research topic in its broadest context and identify the specific research question and objectives;
- understand data, their scope and limitations;
- understand strengths and weaknesses of various analytical techniques; and
- apply appropriate techniques to the available data in order to draw out the story and extract meaningful information from them.

The course will concentrate on how to choose a statistical technique that gives greatest insight into the data. During this process, the focus will be on the **application** of these techniques and not on the techniques themselves.

Who should attend: This course will be most beneficial to people who are required to undertake analytical work to inform decision-making. Basic statistical concepts such as mean and median are covered briefly. For those who need basic statistical concepts covered in depth, the ABS course Analysing Survey Data Made Simple is recommended.

Cost: \$750 (inc. GST)

Principles of Questionnaire Design

Date: 9 - 10 November

Duration: 2 days

Description: A well designed questionnaire is vital for collecting high quality data. The aim of this course is to provide participants with an awareness and understanding of questionnaire design principles. The course covers selecting collection methodologies, developing survey questions, designing questionnaire layout and testing the questionnaire.

Who should attend: People who will be involved in designing and conducting a survey and wish to gain an understanding of how to design a questionnaire that will collect data

accurately.

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Cost: \$750 (inc. GST)

ABS Website Made Simple

Date: 18 November

Duration: 3 hours

Description: ABS on-line publications and data are free to download from the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au, and this computer-based course will provide an overview of the ABS, what data are available on the ABS website and some of the concepts used by the ABS. This course will build the attendee's knowledge on:

- who the ABS is and what it does;
- ABS collection methods, classifications and geographies;
- how to navigate and search the ABS website
- data formats used by the ABS
- original, seasonally adjusted and trend series;
- the Census of Population and Housing and how to access Census data;
- ABS Data Quality Framework; and
- services the ABS provides.

Who should attend: Attendance at one of these sessions would benefit new and existing users of the ABS website who would like an introduction to accessing, understanding and using ABS data.

Cost: \$120 (inc. GST)

Further details of training courses and registration forms can be found on the [ABS web site](#) (select 'Services' and then 'ABS Training'). The web site also provides information about other training courses that the ABS can present, courses that are scheduled in other states and territories, and on-line training courses. If you or your colleagues are interested in any courses that have not been scheduled in Adelaide, or you are interested in arranging tailored training packages, please contact Tim McQueen on (08) 8237 7452.

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Symposiums and Conferences



SYMPOSIUMS AND CONFERENCES

NatStats 2010



Register Now! NatStats Conference Starts Tomorrow!

NatStats 2010 will be held from 15 - 17 September 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

In line with the overall themes for the conference, "Measuring what counts: economic development, wellbeing and progress in 21st century Australia", conference speakers will explore drivers of economic and related social change that are shaping Australia's progress, identify the challenges facing Australia in the coming decades, and will highlight the importance of policies and strategies in understanding and responding to these challenges. The role that a statistical framework will play in enabling a greater understanding of these challenges, informing research and public debate, and in helping to develop practical responses, will also be discussed.

As a participant in the NatStats 2010 Conference, you will contribute to more effective use of better, broader and more comparable information; better monitoring of government services, improved access and use of data by the wider community, and reduced overall costs of government information services.

NatStats 2010 Keynote Speakers include:

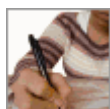
- Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary, Commonwealth Treasury
- the Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC, Director, Graduate School of Government, University of Sydney
- Ms Martine Durand, Chief Statistician and Director, OECD Statistics Directorate, and
- Mr Phil Lowe, Assistant Governor (Economic), Reserve Bank of Australia.

Other NatStats 2010 speakers include: Ms Jane Halton PSM, Secretary, Department of Health and Ageing, Mr Paul McClintock AO, Chairman, COAG Reform Council, Mr Geoff Allen, Chairman, Australian Statistics Advisory Council, Auditor-General, Mr Peter Achterstraat, Auditor-General (NSW) and Ms Mary Doherty, General Manager, Sanctuary Energy.

For a full list of confirmed speakers, program and registration information, please visit www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010.

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